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Letter dated 26 November 2012 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 13 November 2012 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 5 October 2012 (S/AC.51/2012/2) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Hardeep Singh **Puri**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Letter dated 13 November 2012 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict to the Secretary-General

At its 32nd meeting, on 30 September 2011, the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fourth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Sudan (S/2011/413), covering the period January 2009 to February 2011. At its 34th meeting on 5 October 2012, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on the situation of children and armed conflict in South Sudan (S/AC.51/2012/2).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including Security Council resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to convey the following.

The Working Group requests the Secretary-General to ensure the strengthening of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in South Sudan, with the participation of and in cooperation with the Government of South Sudan and relevant United Nations and civil society actors, as a matter of priority, to ensure timely, objective, accurate and reliable information necessary to ensure the fulfilment of reporting obligations to the Security Council.

The Working Group welcomes the allocation of child-protection officers to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), noting that their key tasks will include, among others, supporting the implementation of the action plan, continued monitoring and reporting on violations and abuses committed against children, mainstreaming child protection within the Mission and contributing to the strategy of the Mission for the protection of civilians.

The Working Group reiterates paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 1996 (2011), and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that UNMISS carries out its protection mandate where children are vulnerable.

The Working Group requests the Secretary-General to submit two separate reports for the Sudan and South Sudan following the independence of South Sudan in July 2011.

(*Signed*) Peter **Wittig**
Chair
Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict